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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON TO GENERAL
FRANCO

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 1, 1973
FROM PRESIDENT NIXON TO GENERAL FRANCO. QUOTE
DEAR GENERAL FRANCO -- YOUR MESSAGE OF OCTOBER 13 SETTING
FORTH SPAIN'S VIEWS ON THE MIDDLE EASTERN SITUATION IS
APPRECIATED. I HAVE NOTED WITH PARTICULAR INTEREST YOUR
OBSERVATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE ROLES THAT MIGHT BE PLAYED
BY THE UNITED STATES AND SPAIN.

THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE
PAST FEW DAYS. AS THE RESULT OF INTENSIVE EFFORTS BY THE
UNITED STATES, TOGETHER WITH THOSE OF OTHER COUNTRIES, THE
UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL HAS BEEN ABLE TO ADOPT
MOST IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS WHICH PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK THAT
COULD BRING PEACE TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

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THESE RESOLUTIONS; AND WE WILL DEVOTE OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS

TO ASSIST IN THEIR EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION. HOWEVER, IF
THESE MEASURES ARE TO SUCCEED, THEY WILL NEED THE SUPPORT
OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES. IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENT
OF SPAIN WILL ALSO DEVOTE ITS EARNEST EFFORTS TO ENSURING

THE SUCCESS OF THE RESOLUTIONS.

I VALUE THE OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED BY THIS CORRESPONDENCE
TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE I ATTACH TO A WHOLE-HEARTED
EFFORT BY ALL CONCERNED TO ACHIEVE A LASTING PEACE IN THE
MIDDLE EAST. SINCERELY, (SIGNED) RICHARD NIXON. END QUOTE.

2. ORIGINAL OF LETTER WILL BE POUCHED FOR DELIVERY BY
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